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THE PICK & SHOVEL

In association with

The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies

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The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various Earth Sciences including but not necessarily limited to Geology, Paleontology and Mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to provide education in these fields to its members and the public, especially to youth and student groups.

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General Meetings

Third Thursday of the Month, except for January (3rd Sunday), December (1st Sunday), and summer break (June, July, August). Bethany Park Shelter House, 65th & Vine

Meeting Times: Juniors meet at 6:15 p.m.
Adults meet at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 19, 2026 (Annual Business Meeting)

Program: Member Show & Tell

Board Meetings

Board Meetings are usually held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Vera Lyman's Residence.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

President's Message

By Brett Jurgens



It was nice to see so many of you at the October rock party. Big thanks to Wooly and Jackie for hosting; their backyard is a great space for our gatherings, and we have lucked out with weather for the last several years. Don't forget the November rock party at Hidden Gems hosted by the Beers. The theme is soup and comfort foods. Equipment will be available for use. Our November rock party is typically one of our more attended parties so there will be plenty of food and conversation. I hope to see you there.

Please don't forget our meeting on Thursday, November 19. This is an important one. We have club elections and will also be presenting proposed changes to the by-laws. The by-laws committee has really spent some time updating the by-laws to usher the club into the future. One of the biggest changes to the by-laws is membership costs. The goal is to have the club flourish and continue well into the future. To do so we need to continue to grow our membership and encourage active members. A big part of that is retaining junior members as they become young adults. We are hoping some of the proposed changes will help.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLUB FUN

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 19, 2026
Annual Business Meeting and Elections

November 22, 2026
Rock Party at Hidden Gems

December 6, 2026
Christmas Party and Awards

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Josh Brown Kramer
Patricia Grimit
Nick Lytle
Gene Mulinix
Clyde Ogg



Give the Editor your birth month so we can recognize and celebrate YOU!

November Rock Party

November 22, 5 p.m. at Hidden Gems

3227 S. 13th St.
Indian Village Shopping Center

November's Rock Party is always in memory of former member Roger Pabian. The menu will be Soups & Comfort Foods. The club equipment will be available to those bringing projects. This event has tons of food and fun. See you there!





NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Member Show & Tell

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The By-Laws Committee will present the suggested changes to the By-Laws, as approved by the Board of Directors. A marked-up copy showing the changes will be emailed to you prior to the meeting. Those without email will be able to pick up a paper copy at the meeting. Attend this meeting so you have a say in what changes are made!

This is your official notice.

LAMENT OF A FRUSTRATED EDITOR

By George "Chic" Cihacek, Loup Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc., from Rockhound Rhymes, Second Edition, Undated, but published YEARS ago!

I've threatened, coaxed, begged and pleaded
To try to get articles I needed
To fill space on a page or two
In this bulletin we print for you.
But in spite of all of my requests
And all of my earnest behests,
When deadline comes, I'm in a flurry
To gather material in a hurry.
I scan each exchange with eagle eye
To find an article or two which I
Hope would of great interest be
To rockhounds just like you and me.
In desperation I choose a few
And hope that what I've picked will do.
But if you think your bulletin is lacking
And you'd like to send your editor packing,
Send me the things you want in print,
A long article, or just a hint.
Remember, this is your Newsletter
And you can help to make it better.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Michael McDonald, Sr.

Michael McDonald, Jr.

President's Message - continued

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Because of the business meeting and election, we do not have a guest speaker for the November meeting. Instead, we are doing a member show and tell. Please bring a small grouping of something from your collection to show other members. For example, I will most likely bring some Nebraska chalcedony and petrified wood. This allows us to break out so people can go look at what interests them and we can interrupt with election results when needed. It's like having a multi-themed program that hopefully catches everyone's interest.

Our December meeting is the annual Christmas party. Remember that it is not the regular meeting date but instead the first Sunday in December - December 6th. The club will provide fried chicken and plates and utensils. Members are asked to bring one hot and one cold dish to share. We will also have a gift exchange as well as rock bingo. Please make plans to attend as this is a great gathering of the club. (*See* page 10.)

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting and checking out what you brought for show and tell.

Juniors

By Brett Jurgens



We have had great turnouts at the last couple of meetings. We have officially reached 27 junior members. I fully understand that not everyone can make every meeting but I am glad to see you whenever you can make it. With so many members, it does make it critical to pay attention during our talk. We have things to share with you and want to be able to talk about them. There is also time to talk between the junior meeting and our general meeting.

I also encourage everyone to stay for the meeting and program. This is your club! And this club needs your help to continue. We have had some discussions at board meetings and our last general meeting. Our club recognizes juniors as being between ages 6 and 15. At age 16, you become an adult member and get voting rights. We hope this encourages young members to become more involved with the club. But as young members, you don't have to miss out on junior activities either. Young members can still participate in the Future Rockhounds of America (FRA) until age 18. The whole point of both our junior club and adult club is to encourage and promote the hobby. I hope to see you all at the meeting.

It's Time for Elections

Club elections happen at the November meeting, which is the annual corporation meeting. Final nominations will be accepted from the floor immediately prior to election. Remember, more than one person may run for any seat on the Board.

Nominees for President shall have served on the Board of Directors for the previous term. Nominees for any other office shall have been a member of the club for the previous term.

Here are the nominations to date:

President:	Brett Jurgens
First Vice:	Clyde Ogg
Second Vice:	Jayne Beer
Treasurer:	Sarah Nichols
Secretary:	Sharon Marburger
(Vote for two (2))	
Board:	Corey Beer
Board:	Linda Hansen
Board:	Vera Lyman
Board:	Arvid Olson
Board:	Mike Stiles
Board:	Charles Wooldridge (Wooly)

Two nominees for the Nominating Committee three-year position will be accepted. Jayne and Brett will rotate off the committee (except Jayne is still chair and will remain so unless Brett is unseated as President). Wooly and Donitte will move up to the one-year position and Vera and Eddie will move up to the two-year position. Speak up if you would like to sit on the Nominating Committee. Jayne has volunteered to rotate to the 3-year position, but we still need one more.

The same procedure happens with the Long-Range Planning & By-Laws Committee, but the three-year positions are appointed by the President instead of being elected.

Loss of a Fellow Rockhound

Former LGMC member and Director on the Board, Fred McVay, passed away October 14 after a long battle with his health. Those who might remember Fred will know that he loved Lake Superior agates, Botswana agates, and petrified wood. Knowing he had limited time on Earth, he shared specimens with lots of kids and donated many pounds of petrified wood to Madonna for its residents.

He requested that memorials be given to LGMC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

By Sharon Marburger, Secretary
October 1, 2026
Vera Lyman's Residence

ROLL CALL

President:	Brett Jurgens	Present
1st Vice Pres.:	Jayne Beer	Present
2nd Vice Pres.:	Clyde Ogg	Present
Treasurer:	Vera Lyman	Present
Secretary:	Sharon Marburger	Present
Board:	Charles Wooldridge	Absent
	Mike Stiles	Present
	Sarah Nichols	Absent
	Corey Beer	Present

Visitors Donitte Stiles, Jim Marburger, Ed Ridge.

Meeting called to order at 6:39 p.m. Minutes from the September meeting were distributed. Jayne moved to accept the minutes, second by Corey. Passed.

Treasurer's report was distributed. Sharon moved to accept the reports, second by Mike. Passed. After some discussion about the Money Market and CD accounts, Clyde suggested that the general membership be made aware these accounts, beyond casual reference and the annual audit report.

OLD BUSINESS

Corey will let us know the date of the fall river field trip as soon as his calendar straightens out and river high water recedes.

The Crawford trip was fun for those who attended. Brett suffered a mishap that resulted in a sprained ankle.

Omaha had a fantastic show this year. Vendors were extremely happy. Five Lincoln members who do not have dual membership with Omaha, volunteered at the show.

The Malcolm field trip is canceled due to the collection being no longer available.

Reminder of the October Rock Party at Wooly's and the November Rock Party at Hidden Gems.

Discussion of the November Election Slate was had. Jim Marburger withdrew from the 2nd Vice President position which opened it up for Jayne Beer who withdrew from the President nomination.

The Long-Range Planning & By-Laws Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. on October 17 at Hidden Gems.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on changing the age of junior members. This will require a change to the by-laws, which is why a meeting is scheduled for October 17. The plan is to better organize and streamline the by-laws.

Sharon mentioned that one of the items our website does not currently contain is a Website Policy. Clyde offered to draft one up.

Howell Pabian, brother to late-member Roger Pabian, left 1% of his estate to the club. His will has been probated at beneficiaries are receiving their portion. The money has been received; discussion of what to do with it. Several Board members suggest putting it in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) while others want to put it before the General Membership to decide. Either way, it will be put to the General Membership.

SHOW BUSINESS

Two returning vendors will not be able to sell at the Show. One has gone to only selling online; the other will be selling at the Cedar Rapids Show. Rhonda's Rocks from Benson, Arizona has been invited to have a full booth. Clyde moved, and Vera seconded, that the Beers and the Stiles be offered a half booth each. Motion passed.

SWAP BUSINESS

Sharon opened early registration on the website following the September general meeting. At this time, 13 vendors have registered, leaving 9 single spaces available. Jayne will contact past vendors to let them know registration is open, then she will put an open invitation on Facebook. Brett will contact World Plates to get our event on their calendar.

Clyde asked for suggestions of program speakers.

Jayne moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Clyde. Passed.

2027 Dues are due by January 30. Please wait to pay dues until after the November meeting.

General Meeting Minutes

By Sharon Marburger, Secretary

October 15, 2026, Bethany Park Shelter House

Twenty door prizes were given to winning ticket holders. Approximately 40 adults and juniors attended this meeting.

Minutes of the September meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Jim Marburger moved to accept the minutes as published, second by Norm Boettcher. Passed.

Sharon reported on the status of finances in Vera's absence. There was income from Mid-Winter Swap registrations and one expense for postage. Wooly moved to accept the report, second by Donitte Stiles. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Long-Range Planning and By-Laws Committee will be meeting at Hidden Gems, 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17. General membership was invited to attend and offer suggestions.

Former member, Howell Pabian (brother to the late Roger Pabian), passed away last year. He bequeathed 1% of his estate to the club. The Board is looking for suggestions of how we can honor Roger. (A suggestion given after the meeting was a park bench with a plaque honoring him. An additional suggestion was to possibly include both brothers in the honor.)

Rock Party at Wooly's and Jackie's on Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 p.m. Brats, and hopefully the weather will cooperate so we can have a bonfire.

Rock Party at Hidden Gems on Sunday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m. Theme will be soups and comfort foods. The club equipment is housed at Hidden Gems and will be available for use.

There will be a Rock Sale in Washington, Kansas on October 24. The address is 119 E. 5th St.

MID-WINTER SWAP

There are 7 single booths remaining. Jayne will contact previous vendors.

2027 SHOW

Postcards are in. See Jayne Beer or Jim Marburger for a stack. Jayne reported having 6 executed contracts in hand.

The meeting adjourned to Halloween costumes and program on a motion by Mike Stiles, second by Patrick O'Brien. Shane Tucker spoke on how fossils are located and saved during road construction. Shane is a great speaker; he makes the less than interesting-to-me subjects engrossing. Many thanks to Shane.

See Halloween costume review on page 6.

Allan & Tammy Jeanneret



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HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

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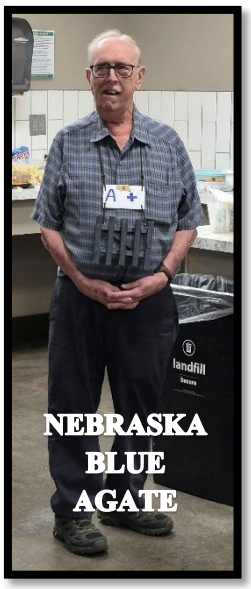




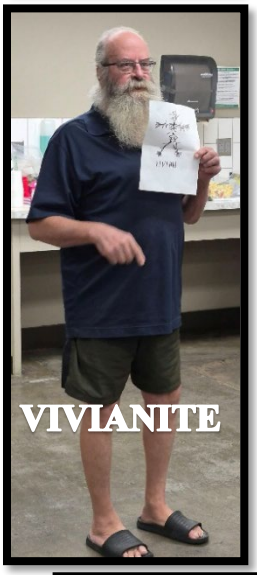






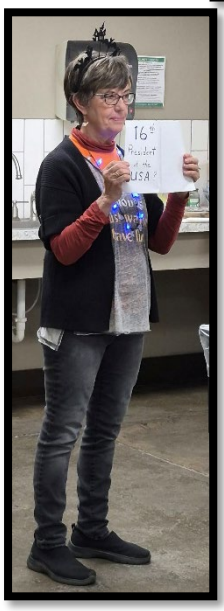












Donitte held a book for us to read to guess her costume. It ended up being "Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Pick & Shovel".

What a tribute!!



We didn't get a picture of Jim, our photographer, who was peanut obsidian. He held a jar of peanuts and a chunk of obsidian.



Long-Range Planning & By-Laws Committee Meetings

By Sharon Marburger, Secretary

The Long-Range Planning & By-Laws Committee ("Committee") met at Hidden Gems on October 17. Present were Committee members Jayne Beer, Brett Jurgens, Jim Marburger, Clyde Ogg, and Sharon Marburger. Interested club member present was Ed Ridge.

The meeting started at 5:05 p.m. There was much discussion on clarifying Officer and Board members' duties and streamlining membership requirements. Some suggested changes were made. All changes will need to be approved by the Board, then taken to the general membership for further approval.

A 20-minute break was given.

When the Committee reconvened, further discussion of membership requirements was had.

For the Long-Range Planning portion, Sharon mentioned that it would be easier to have birthday wishes in the Pick & Shovel if the membership application had a place to list birth months. The Committee agreed to update the application to include a place for birth months.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on October 25 at Hidden Gems for the Committee to continue reviewing the By-Laws.

The Committee convened again on October 25 at Hidden Gems. Present were Jayne Beer, Brett Jurgens, Clyde Ogg, and Sharon Marburger. Interested club member present was Ed Ridge.

The meeting started at 5:02 p.m. Review of the previous meetings changes with suggested clarifications made. The remainder of the By-Laws was inspected and a few further suggested changes were made. The By-Laws portion of the meeting ended at 7:11 p.m. and immediately went to discussion of creating a Standard Operating Procedures ("SOP") since the previous one could not be found anywhere in the club records.

As stated in Article V, Section 5 of the By-Laws,

> Details of operation not included in the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of this Corporation that are of a continuing nature, to be made standard on succeeding administrations until amended, suspended or rescinded; shall be authorized by Standard Operating Procedures, upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Clyde suggested we have one collection of multiple SOPs. An SOP for each area would be a stand-alone document, thus allowing for more SOPs being added as needed without revamping the entire document. He offered a couple of suggestions which will be the start of the collection. Once each section is completed and adopted by the Board of Directors, said document will be placed on the website with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Sharon is to prepare the By-Laws, showing additions and deletions, to be presented at the November Board meeting for approval or further suggested changes. The document will then be presented to the general membership for review and further changes or approval.

At Sharon's question of asking new members on the Membership Application if they want a club name tag, the Committee voted to remove that statement from the application. The reason is that name tags are ordered only when we have a substantial amount to create, due to setup costs making it economically prohibitive.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Provide your input to the By-Laws revisions at the November meeting!

Mike and Donitte Stiles ask that people show up early (5:45 p.m.) to the next few meetings to help set up tables for meetings and the Christmas Party (5:30 p.m. for this). Mike will be having surgery and unable to do setup. Be an active member of the club!

DECLINE OF MUSEUMS IN PROGRESS

By Eric Fritzsch



A recent Facebook post I wrote got a lot of traction. It involved the closing of Sternberg Museum at Fort Hays State University in Fort Hays, Kansas. A lot of people were outraged and wondered how this could happen, but it is happening all over the country. Museums are under increasing financial pressure, in part due to cuts in federal funding to museums.

Some of the statements I've read in news articles blame the museum for not being more "profitable." It's strange that we don't hold libraries, public parks, or other public institutions to be profitable, but some think museums need to be making money.

There are some trying to raise money to save the museum, but that will only be a temporary solution. It is unlikely that millions of dollars can be raised every year.

There are other museums closing and there will be more. More than half of the museums in the United States report financial stress. The oldest museum in the country, the Academy of Natural Sciences - Philadelphia, is also slated to close before this article appears in this newsletter.

The Academy of Natural Sciences sold off its mineral collection in the early 2000s to try and save the rest of the collection, but it wasn't enough. There wasn't much outrage when the minerals were sold off (except by some in the mineral community). It was sold to a consortium of mineral dealers and many of the specimens have been resold. I own about a half dozen specimens that used to be in that collection.

According to the American Alliance of Museums, 96% of Americans want legislators to maintain or increase federal funding for museums. And it is not just American Museums feeling the pressure. I've read many reports of natural history museum closures in Europe. China, on the other hand, seems to be building natural history museums like crazy (I'm not convinced they fund preservation or maintenance of their museums very well).

Many of the museums that are under greatest pressure are those attached to colleges and universities (like Fort Hays and Drexel). Decreasing state funding combined with decreasing federal grants, while maintenance, support, and staffing costs continue to rise are a perfect storm.

Some of these small museums have resorted to collecting entrance fees. I'm not against entrance fees, but for small museums it has been shown to be more beneficial to have free entrance than nominal fees.

Many of the cuts to state colleges started in the 1980s with the Reagan administration. Reagan famously said states "should not fund educational curiosity" and cut funding by 50% to State Universities. They also put more financial burden on the states, further decreasing the funds available for higher education. Grants that were outright gifts to state schools supporting students were replaced with student loans. The cost of education started skyrocketing in the 1980s.

This latest round of anti-science budget cuts by the federal government has really hit the museums, and especially the state funded college museums, hard. The current administration has cut funding far greater than the cuts of the 1980s and many museums are suffering.

There are around 100 geology/mineralogy museums in the country (https://www.mindat.org/museums_by_country.php?cid=1), the vast majority of these are state run and funded. There are also upwards of 200 natural history museums with geology/mineralogy displays (whichmuseum.com), many, again, funded by state government. There are also almost a countless number of displays and exhibits of geology/mineralogy around the country.

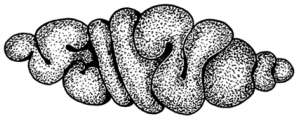
What can be done? Most of us can't cut million dollar checks to museums for their operating costs. It also isn't sexy for donors to give large amounts of money to operational costs. Big donors want wings or exhibits named for them.

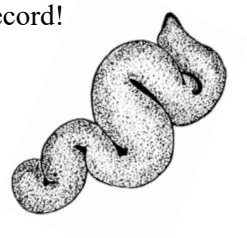
One thing you can do is visit museums more often. Increased attendance shows that the general public supports these institutions. Let your friends know about how hard the finances are for museums and let your state and federal representatives know that you support museums (libraries, parks, etc.). Voting can have a big impact too.

COPROLITE

Mini Miners Monthly, November 2025. C2025, Diamond Dan Publications (used with permission)

Look at these two pictures of a certain kind of trace fossil. What do they look like? If you think they look like something your dog would leave in the backyard, you are very right. They are pictures of fossilized dinosaur dung. Surprisingly, there is a lot of fossilized dinosaur droppings in the rock record!





These trace fossils are known by paleontologists ascoprolites. The name comes from two Greek words, *kopros* which means dung and *lithos* which means stone. They were first studied, described and accurately identified by the English geologist, William Buckland. Before his study of these fascinating fossils, they were wrongly identified as fossil fir cones.

You might be surprised to learn that coprolites turn out to be very important fossils. Paleontologists have discovered that when the dung was fossilized, much of what was trapped in it was also fossilized! Paleontologists discovered that if they carefully slice a coprolite into very thin slices and look at it under a microscope, they can see bits and pieces of the food that they dinosaur ate!

WE NEED CLUB PICTURES!

By Clyde Ogg

Barb and I want to update the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club membership booth display pictures. This display is set up at the Mid-Winter Swap in January and at the April Show and includes membership forms to encourage new people to join the club. The current display pictures are more than two years old.

If you have photos that depict members enjoying club activities, please consider sending them so we can update the display. We're looking for photos of youth activities, field trips, shows/swaps/fests, program speakers, meetings, and rock parties. Because we enlarge these images, we need high resolution photos.

Please send them either by email or text. Thank you for considering this request.

Clyde Ogg (clydeogg55@gmail.com; 402-326-8682)

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BRAD'S BENCH TIPS

See More of my Smart Solutions for Jewelry Making at http://amazon.com/dp/B0BQ8YVLTJ

MIXING EPOXY

When mixing epoxy, it's important to have the same amount of each component. If the ratio is not 50/50, the mixture will not develop the best strength or may not harden at all.

If the amounts are small, I can generally eye-ball the two components correctly. But I have trouble getting the proper mixture for larger quantities. Trying to pour it into a small measuring cup is a mess.

The easiest way I've found to get equal parts is to use a gram scale.

- Put a bottle lid or piece of scrap paper on the scale.
- Zero out the scale.
- Squeeze out the epoxy Part A.
- Note the gram weight.
- Zero out the scale again.
- Squeeze out the same amount of Part B.
- Mix thoroughly for use.

It's a trick I learned while mixing resins for mold making where the ratio is usually 1 to 10.

PROBLEMS WITH SMALL DRILLS

Drilling small holes can be a problem. With drill bits that are less than 1 mm (18 gauge or .040 inches), some chucks will not tighten down well enough to hold the drill bits securely.

The problem is easily solved in either of two ways: with a chuck adapter or by buying your small drill bits with a 3/32 inch shank size. Either way you have a large shank to be gripped in your drill press, Foredom, or Dremel, so changing bits is fast and easy.



LGMC Christmas Party, Potluck Supper, and Awards Ceremony

Sunday, December 6, 2026

5:00 p.m. Youth Activities & Adult Social

6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper (club provides fried chicken, beverages, and place settings)

Members bring a hot dish & a cold dish to share.

7:00 A short meeting and Awards Ceremony with Rock Bingo to follow!

Those wishing to participate in a gift exchange, bring an inexpensive, gender-neutral wrapped gift to put under the tree.

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2027 Mid-Winter Swap Committee

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Club Booth/Rock Pile ..... Sharon Marburger
Club & Vendor Supper: ..... Brett Jurgens
Finance & Admissions: ..... Treasurer
Floor Chairman: ..... Jayne Beer
Insurance: ..... Vera Lyman, Jim Marburger
Publicity & Promotion: ..... Jayne Beer, Jim Marburger
Web Master: ..... Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities: ..... Brett Jurgens

2027 Show Committee

Theme: ..... MOHS 6-7
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Displays: ..... Brett Jurgens
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Floor Chairman: ..... John Moss
Fluorescent Booth: ..... Clyde Ogg
Forms ..... Sharon Marburger
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Website ..... Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities: ..... Brett Jurgens

Membership Information

Membership dues for the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club are as follows:

- Adults (age 16 and over) - $20 per year or $30 per couple (within the same household)
- Juniors - $3 per year (with a responsible adult)

All new memberships must be accompanied by a written application. Printable applications are available on the club website and should be mailed with appropriate dues to the address listed. Application may also be completed electronically through the website paying via PayPal. https://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/

Standing Committees

Audio/Visual:
Clyde Ogg
Audit:
Jayne Beer, James Marburger, Clyde Ogg
Christmas Party:
Edward Ridge
Club Rock Pile:
Sharon Marburger
Door Prizes:
Corey Beer, Brett Jurgens, Charles Wooldridge
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Edward Ridge
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Programs:
Clyde Ogg
Property:
James Marburger
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Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger
Refreshments:
Donitte Stiles
Show - 2027:
Sharon Marburger
Summer Gem Fest:
Jayne Beer
Website:
Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities:
Barb Ogg & Brett Jurgens

2026 Long Range Planning & By-Laws Committee

Jayne Beer, Chairman

1 year: Sharon Marburger & Clyde Ogg
2 years: Vera Lyman & Jim Marburger
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2026 Schedule

Lapidary Classes

(Stone Cutting)

$100 for 5 3-hour classes
Sundays 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Choice of session:

~~Session 1: Feb 8 - Mar 15~~
~~Session 2: Mar 22 - May 3~~
~~Session 3: May 17 - Jul 5~~
~~Session 4: Jul 12 - Aug 16~~
~~Session 5: Aug 23 - Oct 11~~
Session 6: Oct 18 - Nov 22
Open Shop Nov 29 & Dec 6 ($20 per use)

Silversmithing Classes

Tuition: $160 plus $30 supply deposit
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Choice of Tuesday or Wednesday session (8 classes):

~~Session 1: Tues, Jan 13 - Wed, Mar 18~~
~~Session 2: Tues, Mar 24 - Wed, May 20~~
~~Session 3: Tues, Jun 2 - Wed, Jul 29~~
~~Session 4: Tues, Aug 4 - Wed, Oct 7~~
Session 5: Tues, Oct 13 - Wed, Dec 2

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